



**CITY OF PLANO
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

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Council Meeting Date:		6/13/11		
Department:		Planning/Community Services		
Department Head		Phyllis Jarrell		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Doris Carter x 5350				
CAPTION				
Discussion and Direction regarding allocation of funds for the 2011 Buffington Community Services Grants, based on recommendations from the Community Relations Commission.				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
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FISCAL YEAR: 2011-12	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	0	0	0
BALANCE	0	0	0	0
FUND(S): GENERAL				
COMMENTS: This item has no fiscal impact.				
STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Discussion and direction on the 2011-12 Buffington Grant Funding relates to the City's goal of Partnering for Community Benefit.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
The Council will discuss funding for various social service agencies from the Buffington Community Services Grant, funded at one dollar per capita. In prior years, this discussion has been part of the Council's budget worksession; however, due to changes in the funding environment for local non-profit service providers, the Council requested to see the Community Relations Commission's recommendations as quickly as possible this year. Based on the final approval of the City's 2011-12 budget, various agencies will receive funding on October 1, 2011, with the full execution of their signed contract.				
List of Supporting Documents: Memo and Attachment			Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies Community Relations Commission	

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 3, 2011
To: Bruce D. Glasscock, City Manager
From: Christina Day, Community Services Manager
Subject: **Buffington Community Service Grant Funding Recommendations**

2011 Funding

During the months of April and May, the Community Relations Commission held four public hearings to consider requests for Buffington Community Services Grant (BCSG) funding, along with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. In considering the 2011 grant requests, the Community Relations Commission focused on the mission of the Buffington Community Service Grant (BCSG) relative to each agency program. BCSG supplies funds for programs that provide short-term, urgent economic assistance or care services, offering immediate relief of crisis impacting the physical and/or mental health of Plano residents. General categories for such assistance and care include food, clothing, shelter, transportation, and medical or crisis counseling care. All such services will contribute to one or more goals of the City's current, adopted Consolidated Plan of Housing and Community Development Goals. Eligible applications should meet these standards.

The 2011 grant recommendation process continues to be a significant challenge for the Community Relations Commission. Consideration was also given to the agency's financial management, fundraising efforts, and ability to produce outcomes related to measurable goals. The applicants, all non-profit service providers, continue to face serious budgetary constraints due to reductions in available grant funding and donations. Based on these and other considerations, the Commission recommended funding for 23 of the 27 public service applications through either BCSG or CDBG. CDBG recommendations are scheduled for consideration at the June 27, 2011 Council meeting as part of the Action Plan prepared for HUD.

The Commission made the following recommendations for the City Council's consideration:

Agency or Program	2011 CRC Recommended Funding	2011 Total Requested	2010 Funding
Assistance Center of Collin County	\$14,000	\$60,000	\$30,000
Assistance League of Greater Collin County	\$13,000	\$20,000	\$14,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	\$0	\$30,000	Not Applied
CASA of Collin County	\$20,000	\$42,000	\$27,800
City House, Inc. - My Friend's House	\$0	\$78,520	Not Applied
City House, Inc. - T. R. I. P. S.	\$14,000	\$30,000	Not Applied

Collin County Adult Clinic	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$35,000
Community Dental Care	\$17,000	\$40,000	\$0
Family Outreach	\$9,000	\$19,600	\$9,000
Hope's Door	\$24,000	\$48,538	\$25,000
Journey of Hope	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Junior League of Plano	\$0	\$6,000	Not Applied
LifePath Systems - Mullins Rehab	\$0	\$21,239	Not Applied
LifePath Systems - Computer Acquisition	\$0	\$5,717	Not Applied
LifePath Systems - Alma Center Equipment	\$0	\$34,818	Not Applied
LifePath Systems – Cross Bend Rehab	\$0	\$27,740	Not Applied
LifePath Systems - Emergency Financial Support	Not Applied	Not Applied	\$6,000
Plano Children's Medical Clinic	\$31,000	\$55,136	\$25,000
Plano Community Charity	\$10,000	\$55,000	\$0
Samaritan Inn	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$27,000
The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$35,000
SUM	\$265,000	\$744,308	\$263,800

United Way of Metropolitan Dallas (UWMD)

With the help of community leaders, in late 2009, UWMD released its 2020 United Way Funding Priorities; education, income, and health. Changes in the process of United Way funding have impacted a source of non-profit support within the region.

Last year, funds were distributed through the competitive priority needs grant, where funded agencies also received an allocation of partnership funds based on their organization budget size. This year, funds were distributed via competitive grants and there are no longer “partnership” distributions. UWMD also gives the agency a “projected designation” amount, anticipating donations made to UWMD for that specific organization. It is difficult to compare last year’s funding amounts with this year’s amounts because of the shift in the way the agency commits funds.

Additionally, UWMD has lifted the previous \$75,000 competitive grant funding cap for Collin County grant proposals.

City of Plano-funded agencies that lost all UWMD funding in 2011 include only the Assistance Center of Collin County, since the Maurice Barnett Geriatric Wellness Center did not apply for funding in this cycle.

The following are changes for City of Plano-funded UWMD service providers between FY 2010 and FY2011, without consideration of projected designations.

- Collin County Committee on Aging, Turning Point, and City House lost more than 65% of their UWMD funding.

- Hope's Door, Boys' and Girls' Club, and Samaritan Inn each lost less than 30% of UWMD funding.
- Launchability (Special Care and Career Services), Collin County Children's Advocacy Center, Jewish Family Services, and CASA of Collin County saw an increase of 15% - 50% of UWMD funding.

If projected designations are considered, the agencies do significantly better.

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County and Collin County Committee on Aging experience a loss (26% and 40% respectively).
- The other eight agencies are projected to have an increase in overall funding between 25% and 311%.

Additionally, Plano ISD Education Foundation was one of 19 new agencies to United Way, receiving \$81,765. Interfaith Housing Coalition also received a new grant for \$360,000.

xc: Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager
Phyllis Jarrell, Director of Planning
Anita Bell, Budget Analyst

*FY2011 Buffington Community Service Grant
Detailed Funding Recommendations*

Attachment Prepared for the City Council Meeting on June 13, 2011

Of those agencies considered for BCSG funds, 14 of 17 are recommended for funding. Details of all 17 requests are noted as follows for your consideration:

<i>Agencies and/or Programs</i>	<i>2011 CRC Recommended Funding</i>	<i>2011 Total Request</i>	<i>2010 Agency Funding</i>
Assistance Center of Collin County	\$14,000	\$60,000	\$30,000
The Assistance Center of Collin County requested funds for family support including direct financial assistance, staff salaries and operating funds. The funds will be used to identify and provide emergency financial assistance to families and individuals in crisis. The agency received less funding this year due to Commissioner concerns about the agency's means of reporting outcomes, limited fundraising efforts, and audit results.			
Assistance League of Greater Collin County	\$13,000	\$20,000	\$14,000
The Assistance League manages the "Operation School Bell" program which provides clothing and supplies to PISD school children in need. The organization is run entirely by volunteers, and 2009 BCSG monies provided 139 children with clothing and necessary hygiene supply packages.			
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star	\$0	\$30,000	No Request
Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star requested funds to provide mentoring to children ages 6-18 or through high school graduation. The organization has not applied for funds since 2008 when it received \$5,000 in BCSG funding for salaries and benefits for personnel who coordinate this program. Ineligibility of the described programs resulted in no funding for this application. First, the programs are ineligible for CDBG funding as they do not income qualify clients. Second, the programs do not fit the definition for BCSG funding because they do not focus on meeting a short-term need offering immediate relief. Finally, the application included multiple programs on one application, which is not allowed per the grant instructions.			
CASA of Collin County	\$20,000	\$42,000	\$27,800
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Collin County trains and supports volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system and to be the voice of the child in placing him or her in a safe home. The agency represents 100% of all children involved in abuse and neglect cases in Collin County. CASA measures their success by the number of CASA service and placement recommendations accepted by the judge. The program saves public dollars by using volunteers to support a legal advocacy role that would otherwise be filled by attorneys at a cost to taxpayers.			

<i>Agencies and/or Programs</i>	<i>2011 CRC Recommended Funding</i>	<i>2011 Total Request</i>	<i>2010 Agency Funding</i>
City House, Inc. – My Friend’s House	\$0	\$78,520	No request
<p>The City House program, My Friend’s House, provides emergency shelter and services for children ages 0-17 within the community or who have been removed from the care of their parents by Child Protective Services. 2011 funding is not recommended for this program due to the availability of primary funding for this program from the State of Texas. The program houses children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect by the State of Texas. The State assumes responsibility for the care of these children. The Commission believed funding for the City House TRIPS program was more critical.</p>			
City House, Inc. – T.R.I.P.S	\$14,000	\$30,000	No request
<p>The City House program, TRIPS, provides emergency shelter up to 18 months, education and job skills training and preparation for independent living for homeless young adults ages 18-23. Many of the young adults in this program have aged out of the Child Protective Services’ care and now have to be independent at a young age. Program clients are not prepared for the responsibility and financial demands of life on their own and require additional support to remain housed and develop necessary skills for living.</p>			
Collin County Adult Clinic	\$21,000	\$30,000	\$20,000
<p>The Collin County Adult Clinic operates primary health care clinics for indigent adults. The organization now offers two locations in Plano, with the West Clinic having opened in Spring 2011. This year, the organization plans to use BCSG funding for diabetic medications and supplies to clients and the salary of an administrative scheduler for patients, both in support of their diabetes clinic.</p>			
Collin County Committee on Aging	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$35,000
<p>The Collin County Committee on Aging provides in-home meals to older adults in need of emergency nutritional health assistance in Plano through the Meal-On-Wheels program. Many of their clients rely on these meals as the primary source of nutrition. The program plans to prepare and delivery noon, evening and/or weekend meals to 150 unduplicated Plano seniors who are homebound and in immediate need of nutrition.</p>			
Community Dental Care	\$17,000	\$40,000	\$0
<p>Community Dental Care provides dental care for low-income children and adults. The agency requested \$40,000 to pay partial salaries and benefits for dental staff, medical supplies, and insurance and professional services for partial and full dentures. The organization did not receive BCSG funding in 2010 due to sufficient resources outside of city supported funding.</p>			
Family Outreach	\$9,000	\$19,600	\$9,000
<p>Family Outreach is a volunteer-based organization committed to preventing child abuse with a variety of programs and support services including in-home mentoring, parenting classes, and community education. Their services are free to all of their clients. The agency requests funds to provide a case manager to prevent child abuse and neglect in families.</p>			

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Hope's Door	\$24,000	\$48,538	\$25,000
<p>Hope's Door is the only shelter for battered and abused women and their children in Plano. Their mission is to offer intervention and prevention services to individuals and families impacted by domestic abuse. The agency is requesting funding that addresses the needs of a variety of special needs populations, including persons who may be abused, homeless or at risk of homelessness. This includes paying for support of their emergency shelter.</p>			
Journey of Hope	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
<p>Journey of Hope provides grief counseling at no cost to children, teens, young adults, and their families. Funds are being requested for bereavement services and support by paying a portion of the director's salary for direct client service functions.</p>			
Junior League of Plano	\$0	\$6,000	No Request
<p>The Junior League of Plano is requesting \$6,000 to fund their annual Collin County Council on Family Violence conference, which provides training to individuals from a five state area on family violence. They hope to use the city's grant funds to subsidize attendance at the conference for Plano police officers and other key Plano personnel such as educators, allowing the League to offer 20 scholarships to the conference. This organization has not applied previously for BCSG funding. Although victims of domestic violence are a special needs population and the Consolidated Plan includes suitable living strategies to improve and maintain suitable living environments by supporting and enhancing public services for special needs populations, the development of a conference funded through scholarship registration fees does not qualify as a public service. The conference may provide training to police officers and educators, but it is not linked to direct client services by any measurable outcome or specific program. Therefore, the requested funding meets no stated goal of the city's Consolidated Plan. Additionally, this application is ineligible because the conference does not provide short-term, urgent economic assistance or care services, offering immediate relief of crisis impacting the physical and/or mental health of Plano residents consistent with the city's Consolidated Plan goals, as required by BCSG. We do not see any way to track taxpayer dollars to individual benefit for victims of domestic violence, since the organization does not track this type of outcome from their conference attendees.</p>			
LifePath Systems – Mullins Rehab	\$0	\$21,239	\$6,000
<p>LifePath Systems provides services to people living with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Funds requested are for the purchase of a commercialized size refrigerator to accommodate the additional space needed for those with special diets. In 2010, the organization received \$6,000 in BCSG which was used for rent and utility assistance for clients. The Commission felt strongly that the agency did not demonstrate the capacity to adequately administer funds, and therefore, is recommending no funding for this request.</p>			

<i>Agencies and/or Programs</i>	<i>2011 CRC Recommended Funding</i>	<i>2011 Total Request</i>	<i>2010 Agency Funding</i>
LifePath Systems – Computer Acquisition	\$0	\$5,717	\$6,000
LifePath Systems provides services to people living with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Funds requested are to provide one desk top computer equipped with internet access for each of their four group homes, allowing improved health services to severely disabled residents. The Commission felt strongly that the agency did not demonstrate the capacity to adequately administer funds, and therefore, is recommending no funding for this request.			
LifePath Systems – Alma Center Equipment	\$0	\$34,818	\$6,000
LifePath Systems provides services to people living with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Funds are being requested to replace two HVAC systems and to replace their current, outdated copier with a digital copier. The Commission felt strongly that the agency did not demonstrate the capacity to adequately administer funds, and therefore, is recommending no funding for this request.			
LifePath Systems – Cross Bend Rehab	\$0	\$27,740	\$6,000
LifePath Systems provides services to people living with mental illness and developmental disabilities. The organization is requesting funding for Cross Bend Site Improvement to rehabilitate two bathrooms in the group home, making them handicap accessible and to purchase a double oven for the home to replace the 20-year-old oven that is difficult for those with physical disabilities to use. The Commission felt strongly that the agency did not demonstrate the capacity to adequately administer funds, and therefore, is recommending no funding for this request.			
Plano Children’s Medical Clinic	\$31,000	\$55,136	\$25,000
The Plano Children’s Medical Clinic provides free medical care to children who have no insurance or are on Medicaid or CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program). The clinic has a physician available to assist children that come. The agency has requested funds to provide free medical care to children who have no medical insurance or are on Medicaid or CHIP (Children’s Health Insurance Program)			
Plano Community Charity	\$10,000	\$55,000	\$0
Plano Community Charity’s mission is to provide families with short term assistance in times of crisis, while enabling them to retain their self sufficiency and dignity. The agency assists the homeless and those at risk of being homeless with rental and utility assistance, prescriptions, transportation, and clothing. In 2010, this organization did not receive funding based on the lack of necessary details available through both applications and during the public hearing, as well as the care and preparation demonstrated in completing the application. The Commission felt improvements were made although additional progress is necessary and are recommending limited funding to the organization in hopes of seeing continued advances.			

<i>Agencies and/or Programs</i>	<i>2011 CRC Recommended Funding</i>	<i>2011 Total Request</i>	<i>2010 Agency Funding</i>
The Samaritan Inn The Samaritan Inn provides a comprehensive homeless program by offering a transitional shelter program to individuals and families. The agency requested funding for facility and maintenance costs and caseworker salary to assist Plano citizens residing at the Inn.	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$27,000
The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center The mission of the Rape Crisis Center is to provide counseling, education, and advocacy to those impacted by sexual assault, harassment, or abuse. The agency requested funding for 24-hour phone and face-to-face crisis intervention, information and referral, advocacy and accompaniment for victims of sexual assault and their families to Collin County hospital emergency rooms.	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$35,000
Total	\$265,000	\$744,308	\$263,800